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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 23, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with a Petition for a two-month extension of time accompany the present response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.